

DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING

PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:	Proposed amendments to Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) establishing new case processing procedures for wireless telecommunication facilities *This case is continued from June 26, 2007, as directed by County Counsel.
REQUEST:	Approve the proposed amendments to Title 22
LOCATION:	Countywide
STAFF CONTACT:	Ms. Karen Simmons at (213) 974-6432
RPC MEETING DATES:	September 27, 2006, November 20, 2006
RPC CONSENT DATE:	January 24, 2007
RPC RECOMMENDATION:	Board Hearing and approval of proposed ordinance amendment
MEMBERS VOTING AYE:	Valadez, Helsley, Modugno, Rew, Bellamy
MEMBERS VOTING NAY:	None
MEMBERS ABSENT:	None
KEY ISSUES:	Previously, the County has required a conditional use permit for all wireless telecommunications facilities. This ordinance provides for facilities to be approved through a site plan, director's review or a conditional use permit, depending on the size of the facility.
MAJOR POINTS FOR:	The ordinance would enact standards for the siting, safety, design and other criteria regarding the installation of telecommunication facilities. In addition, the case processing procedures include maintaining compliance with State and Federal mandates, maximizing the co-location of facilities wherever possible, and protecting environmental resources from the effects of wireless facilities.
MAJOR POINTS AGAINST:	Facility providers say some of the regulations imposed by the proposed ordinance are too restrictive; these regulations include: 1) locations on existing churches require a CUP, 2) roof-top mounted facilities in residential zones require a CUP, 3) facilities should be permitted within the public right-of-way without any zoning review, and 4) facilities should not be prohibited in ESHA's (environmentally sensitive habitat areas in the Santa Monica Mountains).